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APPENDIX XI.

[Vide item II (ii) Communications to the Council on page 355 supra.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCE
COMMITTEE FOR 1925-26 HELD ON MONDAY THE
3RD AUGUST 1925, AT 12 NOON AT THE CABINET
CHAMBER, FORT ST. GEORGE.

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S. (*Chairman*).

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Messrs. V. T. Krishnamma Acharivar, Secretary to Government, Law
Department, R. G. Grieve, Director of Public Instruction, and
G. T. H. Bracken, Secretary to Government, Development Depart-
ment, were also present.

**A.—SCHEMES FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE
CURRENT YEAR.**

**I.—SCHEMES TO BE FINANCED FROM THE SURPLUS DUE TO PARTIAL
REMISSION OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTION.**

**(1) Additional grant to the University towards the
travelling allowance of the members of the new University
authorities.**

Abstract of the proposal.—As a consequence of the University Act, 1923, the number of members of the University authorities has increased from 112 to 400, and consequently, in spite of a considerable reduction in the rate of travelling allowance, the *additional* expenditure on travelling allowances of members will amount to Rs. 33,500 in 1925-26 and to Rs. 29,000 in future years. Of this amount it is proposed to meet two-thirds from Provincial funds. The additional grant to the University for this purpose may be fixed at Rs. 20,000 a year and a supplementary grant for this amount obtained towards the grant payable in the current year.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring	20,000	20,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal to sanction an additional grant of Rs. 20,000 a year to the University and to move for a supplementary demand for Rs. 20,000 towards the grant for the current year.

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(2) Grant to the University of Madras towards the purchase of books for the University library.

Abstract of the proposal.—In December 1920 the Vice-Chancellor of the University applied for a non-recurring grant of Rs. 64,000 and a recurring grant of Rs. 10,000 a year towards the purchase of books and periodicals for the University library. In 1924, the Government sanctioned the payment to the University of a non-recurring grant of Rs. 10,000 for the purpose. The Vice-Chancellor now states that the grants already sanctioned are insufficient to purchase the books and periodicals urgently required and to develop the scientific side of the library in particular and requests that an additional non-recurring grant of Rs. 29,000 may be sanctioned for the purchase of back volumes of periodicals. Periodicals costing Rs. 13,000 are reported to be immediately available for purchase, and it is proposed to sanction this amount in the current year by obtaining a supplementary demand from the Council. The balance of Rs. 16,000 may be paid in two instalments in 1926-27 and 1927-28.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Non-recurring ...	13,000	16,000	

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposals were accepted.

(3) Additions to the Upper Subordinate staff in the Agricultural Department by 11 posts.

Abstract of the proposal.—The extension of agricultural demonstration work to new areas is considered of the first importance and one of the most essential activities of the Agricultural Department. It was proposed in connexion with the budget estimates for the current year to create 20 new posts of Upper Subordinates. But the Finance Committee then recommended the addition of only seven posts. Even so only 58 Upper Subordinates are available for demonstration work. It is therefore proposed now to create 11 additional posts so as to extend the demonstration work and to move for a supplementary demand for the amount required in the current year.

Extra cost.

	1925-26	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring ...	7,590	23,426

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal.

(4) Acquisition of land for the paddy breeding station, Kistna.

Abstract of the proposal.—In connexion with Part II schemes for 1925-26, a proposal to open a paddy breeding station at Kistna was considered and a provision of Rs. 98,707 was included in the estimate for the current

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year. This sum included Rs. 86,300 for the acquisition of 50 acres of land required for the purpose at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,500 an acre. But as anticipated even then it has been found that the cost of acquisition will not be less than Rs. 2,000 an acre, and it is considered that the area of the land cannot be reduced without serious prejudice to the usefulness of the projected farm. The additional amount required is Rs. 28,200 for which a supplementary demand is proposed to be moved.

Extra cost.

1925-26.

RS

Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,200
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Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended that a supplementary demand be moved.

(5) Appointment of compounders at three veterinary institutions, viz., Mangalore, Amalapuram and Ootacamund.

Abstract of the proposal.—In connexion with the Part II schemes for 1925-26, the Finance Committee placed the proposal to provide compounders for the veterinary hospitals at Amalapuram and Mangalore and for the veterinary dispensary at Kumbakonam in class III. It was found possible to find funds for only one compounder and he has been employed at Kumbakonam. The employment of compounders at the remaining two hospitals and at the hospital at Ootacamund is now considered necessary and it is proposed to employ them from September 1925.

Extra cost.

1925-26.

Ultimate.

RS.

RS.

Recurring	...	...	...	...	600	1,509
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Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended the employment of the three compounders from 1st September 1925 and the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 600 towards the expenditure in the current year.

(6) Establishment of three new veterinary dispensaries at Kavali, Conjeeveram and Karur.

Abstract of the proposal.—In order to accelerate the progress made in the opening of dispensaries in the Presidency, the Government resolved in 1918 to open six new dispensaries every year. Owing to financial stringency this programme could not be carried out regularly subsequent to 1921-22. In connexion with the budget estimates for 1925-26 proposals for the opening of veterinary dispensaries at six places including the three places now proposed were placed before the Finance Committee and they placed the scheme under class III. It was found possible to provide funds for only three dispensaries. It is now considered desirable that the three places omitted should be provided with dispensaries in 1925-26.

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<i>Extra cost.</i>					1925-26.	Ultimate.
					RS.	RS.
Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	2,616	2,616
Recurring	...	...	...	...	2,532	6,264
Total					5,148	8,880

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee approved of the proposal and recommended that a supplementary demand for Rs. 5,148 required for the current year be moved.

(7) Addition to the touring staff in the Veterinary Department of three Assistants to be stationed at Podili, Pollachi and Pithapuram.

Abstract of the proposal.—In connexion with the budget estimates for 1925-26, proposals for the opening of six touring billets were placed before the Finance Committee and they placed the scheme in class III. Three touring billets have been provided for as funds were available for them. It is now proposed to open the touring billets at the remaining three places which were included in the original scheme.

<i>Extra cost.</i>					1925-26.	Ultimate.
					RS.	RS.
Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	909	909
Recurring	...	...	...	...	2,278	5,637
Total					3,187	6,546

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee agreeing with the proposal recommended the moving of a supplementary demand in the current year for Rs. 3,187.

(8) Appointment of seven additional Co-operative Inspectors in the Labour Department.

Abstract of the proposal.—In connexion with Part II schemes for 1925-26, it was proposed to entertain twenty additional Co-operative Inspectors in order to extend the activities of the Labour Department; but the Finance Committee placed the proposal in class III. Provision was included in the budget estimates for the current year for ten Inspectors. It is now considered necessary to employ seven additional Inspectors, four for six months and three for four months of the current year for work in the districts in which the department is already working.

<i>Extra cost.</i>					1925-26.	Ultimate.
					RS.	RS.
Recurring	...	...	...	...	2,340	7,686

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was accepted by the Committee who recommended the moving of a supplementary demand in the current year for Rs. 2,340.

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(9) Grant of subsidies at Rs. 1,000 each to—

- (i) the South Kanara District Co-operative Council of Supervision, and
- (ii) the Chingleput District Co-operative Federation, Limited.

Abstract of the proposal.—In order to accelerate the work of co-operative education and propaganda, it was proposed in connexion with the budget estimates for 1925-26 that subsidies of Rs. 1,000 each should be given to the above two organizations and of Rs. 1,200 to the Provincial Co-operative Union, Limited, so as to enable them to hold at selected centres short courses of instruction on the general principles of co-operation and on the maintenance of proper accounts and the preparation of correct balance sheets. The panchayatdars of co-operative societies within ten miles of the centre will attend the courses. The Finance Committee, however, placed the proposal relating to the Provincial Co-operative Union in Class II and the other two in Class III. It is now proposed that subsidies of Rs. 1,000 each may be given to the South Kanara District Co-operative Council of Supervision and the Chingleput District Co-operative Federation, Limited.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring ...	2,000	2,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal and recommended that a supplementary demand for Rs. 2,000 be moved in the current year.

(10) Employment of a silk flature demonstrator.

Abstract of the proposal.—On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Government sanctioned in March last the purchase of three Italian silk flatures for demonstration, one at the Textile Institute and the other two in mufassal areas. A demonstrator on Rs. 40 has been sanctioned for working the plant at the Textile Institute. As regards the other two plants it was originally intended, owing to financial stringency, that the sericultural assistant employed on worm-rearing should attend to this demonstration work in the mufassal areas. If sericulture and silk-rearing are to be popularised in mufassal areas, it is considered necessary to employ a separate demonstrator at Rs. 40 per month for this work. It is proposed to move for a supplementary demand for Rs. 240 required for six months in the current year.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring ...	240	480

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal to employ a separate demonstrator with effect from the 1st September 1925 was accepted by the Committee who recommended the moving of a supplementary demand in the current year for Rs. 240.

(11) Purchase of power drills for the pumping and boring department.

Abstract of the proposal.—A provision of £4,800 was made in the budget estimates for 1924-25 for the purchase of power drills for the pumping and

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boring department and this amount was subsequently raised by reappropriation to £5,233. The Director-General, India Stores Department, reported in January 1925 that the full sanctioned amount could not be utilized during that year and intimated, on enquiry, that £5,200 would be required during the current year for the purpose. This intimation was received after the budget estimates for 1925-26 had been finally fixed. In addition to this carry-over, the High Commissioner reported that indents for articles, other than for power drills, that would be carried over for payment in 1925-26 would amount to £2,800. This also was finally settled after the estimates for the current year had been fixed. Thus, the present demand of £8,000 or Rs. 1,22,667 relates to items of expenditure approved last year and unavoidably carried forward to the current year. It is proposed to meet this expenditure by moving for a supplementary demand, unless it is found that any portion can be met by reappropriation.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.
	RS.
Non-recurring	1,22,667

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal and recommended that a supplementary demand be moved either for the full amount or, in case any portion of it can be found by reappropriation, for such sum as may be required to make up the full amount.

(12) Appointment of an additional District Educational Officer consequent on the bifurcation of the Kistna district

Abstract of the proposal.—The Kistna district is too heavy to be managed by a single District Educational Officer. The district has 42 secondary schools and 3,404 elementary schools for boys with a subordinate inspecting staff of 23 deputy inspectors against the average of 20 secondary schools and 1,498 elementary schools and 10 Deputy Inspectors for a district. Thus, it is clear that the volume of work devolving on the District Educational Officer of the district is about twice the average that falls to a similar officer elsewhere. As a temporary measure, however, a Personal Assistant in the Deputy Inspector's cadre has been given to the officer to relieve him of some of the routine work. The district has been divided into two for general administrative purposes and the same course may be adopted for educational purposes as well. When the scheme was placed before the Finance Committee in January last, they had no objection to the proposal but considered that a post should be abolished elsewhere. The Committee had probably in mind the proposal to abolish the post of the Agency Educational Officer. The question was considered and it has not been found practicable to abolish a post. It is, therefore, proposed to appoint, as a temporary measure, an additional District Educational Officer in the Madras Educational Service with the necessary establishment and to abolish the post of temporary Personal Assistant and an additional attender in the District Educational Office.

Net extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring	4,500	10,870

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal with effect from the 1st September 1925 and the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 4,500 required in the current year.

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(13) Expansion of elementary education—Opening of 191 schools through private agencies in the areas of taluk boards not levying the education tax.

Abstract of the proposal.—Under the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, local bodies have power to levy a special cess for the expansion of elementary education, but so far only 77 taluk boards have availed themselves of this power and have been opening new schools under their control. Even with the proceeds of the education cess and the equivalent Government grant paid under section 37 of the Act, many of them have not found it possible to open the schools required for the populous centres of their areas, and in such cases Government have been sanctioning subsidies over and above the contribution payable under the Act to enable such local bodies to open schools in all villages with a population of 500 and above. This procedure is not possible in the case of taluk boards not levying the cess, as they have not availed themselves of the power of taxation. And it is considered undesirable to leave the expansion of elementary education in the areas under the jurisdiction of the taluk boards which do not levy the education cess to stagnate. It is, at present, possible only through private educational agencies to open schools in school-less villages with a population of 500 and above. There are in all 1,327 villages with a population of 500 and over unprovided with schools in these areas. The scheme of expansion will be spread over a period of five years and it is reported that 191 schools may be opened in the current year. It is proposed to obtain a supplementary demand for the amount required towards grants-in-aid payable to these schools in the current year.

In order to give a stimulus and encouragement to the private agencies to start new schools, it is necessary that the existing rates of teaching grants should be raised. The teaching grant for these schools is calculated at Rs. 7 per mensem on the assumption that each school will be staffed either with a single untrained higher elementary teacher or with a lower elementary trained teacher.

<i>Extra cost.</i>		
	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Non-recurring—		
Initial equipment grant at Rs. 80 per school	15,280	80 (for each new school opened in subsequent years)
Recurring—		
Teaching grant at Rs. 7 per mensem ... *	8,022	1,11,500
Total ...	23,302	1,11,500 + (initial equipment of new schools).

* For 6 months only.

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Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee supported the proposal and recommended the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 23,302 required in the current year.

(14) Expansion of Elementary Education—Enhanced rates of teaching grants to the existing aided schools.

Abstract of the proposal.—The payment of teaching grants at enhanced rates to the new schools proposed to be opened involves the question of payment of grants at the same rates to the existing aided schools also. Otherwise, the managers of the existing aided elementary schools might close their schools and open fresh schools in new centres with a view to obtain grants-in-aid at enhanced rates, and this will defeat the object, viz., the expansion of education. It is therefore proposed to revise the rates of teaching grants. The various rates suggested are as shown below :—

Qualification of the teachers.	Existing rates.	Rates proposed by the Director of Public Instruction.
(1)	(2)	(3)
Secondary trained	RS. 180	RS. 180
„ untrained	96	120
Higher elementary trained	96	120
„ untrained	72	84
Lower elementary trained	84	84
„ untrained	48	60

The rates of teaching grants proposed by the Director of Public Instruction seem to be moderate and may be accepted.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring	4,30,000	4,30,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee supported the rates proposed by the Director of Public Instruction on the understanding that the revision of grants to secondary grade teachers be reconsidered in connexion with the settlement of the policy regarding the 6th, 7th and 8th standards. They also recommended the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 4,30,000 required in the current year.

(15) Expansion of elementary education in the areas of taluk boards levying the education tax.

Abstract of the proposal.—In 1924 subsidies were granted to taluk boards which levy the education tax for the opening of 839 schools in the areas under their jurisdiction. There are still

- (i) 558 villages with a population of 1,000 and over; and
- (ii) 1,558 villages with a population of 500 and over unprovided with schools in the areas of these taluk boards. Provision has been made in the

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current year's budget for the opening of 558 schools mentioned in item (i) above and of 459 schools relating to item (ii). Thus there still remain 1,099 villages under item (ii) above to be provided with schools and it is proposed to grant subsidies to the taluk boards in question for the opening of schools in 452 villages during the current year.

Extra cost.

	1925-26. RS.	Ultimate. RS.
Non-recurring— Initial equipment grant at Rs. 100 per school.	45,200	At Rs. 100 per new school to be opened in the remaining villages only in the area in which they are opened.
Recurring—	* 65,088	1,30,176
Total	1,10,288	1,30,176 plus initial equipment.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee supported the proposal and recommended the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 1,10,288 required in the current year.

(16) Opening of 287 elementary schools through private agencies in the areas of taluk boards levying the education tax.

Abstract of the proposal.—In the areas of taluk boards levying the education tax it is reported that there are private agencies which are willing to open schools in 287 of the villages where no schools now exist and it is proposed to accept this offer and provide necessary funds for grants-in-aid payable during the current year.

Extra cost.

	1925-26. RS.	Ultimate. RS.
Non-recurring— Initial equipment grant at Rs. 80 per school.	22,960	22,960
Recurring— Teaching grants	12,054	24,108
Total ...	35,014	47,068

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal and the moving in the current year of a supplementary demand for Rs. 35,014.

* For six months.

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(17) Opening of classes in Printing in the Madras Trades School.

Abstract of the proposal.—In the past the printing trade has been content to recruit its labour generally from the members of the almost illiterate community. Consequently, it was difficult to secure better material because sufficient wages were not offered to qualified workmen. Recently, however, employers have begun to recognize that a better educated recruit gives them better workmanship and improves the quality of their work all round and have been giving considerable attention to this question. Small printing classes have been attached to one or two private firms and it is proposed that a printing class might be attached to the Madras Trades School. The course of training will comprise composing, imposing, proof-reading and machine work and will be covered in three years. The classes will be held in the evenings so as to enable intelligent youths working in different private presses to join the classes. It is proposed to begin the class from 1st September 1925 and for this purpose a sum of Rs. 8,490 is required in the current year.

		Ultimate.		
		1st year.	2nd year.	3rd year.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Non-recurring ...	RS. 7,100	RS. 7,100	RS. 10,650	RS. 14,200
Recurring (part-time lecturers at Rs. 10 per hour and part-time demonstrators at Re. 1 per hour, paper, ink and other contingencies).	1,390	2,780	4,170	5,560
Total	8,490 or Rs. 8,500	9,880	14,820	19,760

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee accepted the proposal on the assumption that Rs. 10 is the maximum per hour for the part-time lecturers and that actual payments will depend upon qualifications. The moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 8,500 required in the current year was approved.

(18) Grants-in-aid to industrial schools.

Abstract of the proposal.—Industrial education of the Presidency is at present to a large extent provided by charitable and missionary institutions and proposals to improve the efficiency of such institutions should receive the support of Government. This principle has been accepted by Government but it was not possible to make adequate grants owing to financial conditions.

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The grants sanctioned in the past years are as under :—

	RS.
1922-23	Nil.
1923-24	3,050
1924-25	36,395
B.E. 1925-26 (Rs. 25,000 for building and Rs. 15,000 for equipment).	40,000

The sum of Rs. 40,000 provided in the budget is sufficient to cover only 25 per cent of the cost of buildings proposed to be erected by the various industrial schools and 25 per cent of their requirements under equipment. It is now proposed that an additional sum of Rs. 49,900 (Rs. 34,900 for building grant and Rs. 15,000 for equipment grant) may be allotted so as to enable the payment of the remaining 25 per cent of the cost of buildings and equipment to the several industrial schools.

<i>Extra cost.</i>			1925-26.	Ultimate.
			RS.	RS.
Non-recurring	...	...	49,900	49,900

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee desired that information should be obtained as to the principles on which admissions are made and the number of students in each of the schools.

II.—SCHEMES PROPOSED TO BE FINANCED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE SURPLUS AVAILABLE ON ACCOUNT OF THE PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

(19) Strengthening of the subordinate inspecting agency for the Mappilla schools by the appointment of a permanent additional Deputy Inspector of Schools with staff and two temporary supervisors.

Abstract of the proposal.—Under the scheme of reorganization of the subordinate inspecting agency in 1923, the normal jurisdiction of a Deputy Inspector of Schools was fixed at about 133 elementary schools and a staff of five deputy inspectors was assigned to the Mappilla ranges in place of three sub-assistant inspectors and five supervisors of elementary schools originally employed. The number of Mappilla schools has increased from 567 in 1923 to 843 at present, and one of the existing ranges is unusually heavy and inspection consequently suffers. The large increase in the number of schools necessitates the employment of an additional deputy inspector of schools as a permanent measure. Even after this increase two of the reconstituted ranges will comprise a larger number of schools than the maximum of 133 fixed by Government for each inspecting officer. Special steps are also necessary to accelerate the spread of elementary education among Mappilla people and it is therefore considered necessary to employ two supervisors temporarily for a period of one year in the first instance. The supervisors in addition to the pioneering work of starting elementary schools will relieve the deputy inspectors of the heavier ranges of a portion of their inspection work. The extra expenditure in the current year will be met by reappropriation.

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Extra cost.

Recurring—		1925-26.	Ultimate.
		RS.	RS.
One Deputy Inspector and staff	...	1,627	3,610
Two temporary supervisors	...	910	1,560
Total	...	2,537	5,170

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended the scheme for acceptance.

(20) Opening of a fish-curing yard in the village of Mulapeta in the Godavari district.

Abstract of the proposal.—The village of Mulapeta in the Gōdāvari district is 3 miles from the Uppada fish-curing yard and 4 miles from the Konapapeta fish-curing yard with a creek intervening at Ravannipalem which is unfordable at high tides and even at low tides during some months of the year. There are about 200 fishermen's houses in the village and in the adjoining hamlet of Ravannipalem. The fishermen of the place ask for the opening of a fish-curing yard in their village so as to enable them to cure all their catches more conveniently and thereby materially add to their earnings. They have also expressed their willingness to provide the necessary site and buildings at their own cost as required by the rules. The probable annual expenditure from Provincial funds will be about Rs. 1,438 and this will be covered by receipts from the sale of salt to the curers. It is, therefore, proposed to open a yard at once in the village temporarily for a year. The expenditure in the current year will be met from the sanctioned allotment under the head.

Extra cost.

Recurring Rs. 1,438 per annum.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was accepted by the Committee.

(21) Construction of quarters for the Agricultural Demonstrator and the Cotton Assistant at the Agricultural Farm, Nandyal.

Abstract of the proposal.—The construction of quarters for the Agricultural Demonstrator and the Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator was sanctioned in 1923 at a cost of Rs. 9,050. An Upper Subordinate has since been posted to the Farm on cotton work and there are no quarters for him in the Farm. It is therefore proposed that in lieu of the quarters proposed for the Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator quarters for the Cotton Assistant on the approved design may be constructed in order to obviate the necessity for the construction of separate quarters for the latter. The cost of the estimate for the work, as revised, will amount to Rs. 11,400 and will, therefore, have to be treated as a major work. Up to the end of February 1925 only an expenditure of Rs. 818 has been incurred on the construction of quarters for the Agricultural Demonstrator, the other work having been kept in abeyance. It is now proposed to approve the revised plans and estimates costing

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Rs. 11,400. A provision of Rs. 5,000 has been made in the budget estimates for 1925-26 under 'Minor works'. The balance required for completing the work will be made in the next year's budget.

<i>Extra cost.</i>					1925-26.	1926-27.
					RS.	RS.
Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	5,000	5,600
					(already provided in the budget.)	(roundly)

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was recommended by the Committee.

B.—PART II SCHEMES FOR 1926-27.

(22) Reopening of 5 elementary schools in the Godavari Agency, in (i) Akkampeta, (ii) Ballipadu, (iii) Venkatayapalem, (iv) Saripalli and (v) Rajanagaram.

The Director of Public Instruction proposes the opening of the schools in the current year on a temporary basis for a period of one year; but as no provision has been made in the current year's budget, the schools may be opened from the 1st July 1926.

<i>Extra cost.</i>					1926-27.	Ultimate.
					RS.	RS.
Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	250	250
Recurring	...	...	...	...	1,000	1,500
					1,250	1,750

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was accepted for 1926-27 But the Committee do not object, if money is available, to the scheme being given effect to this year.

(23) Institution of an Economics Degree Course for the Madras Colleges—Addition of a professor in the Madras Educational Service to the staff of the Presidency College, Madras.

<i>Extra cost.</i>					1926-27.	Ultimate.
					RS.	RS.
Recurring	...	...	...	...	2,000	6,345
Non-recurring	...	...	...	...	2,000	400
					4,000	6,745

Recommendation of the Committee.—The scheme was placed by the Committee in Class II.

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C.—PAPERS PLACED ON THE TABLE.

(24) The following paper was placed on the table :—

Note furnishing further information on the construction of quarters for the staff working in the Mount Stuart Forests.

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Messrs. C. B. Cotterell, Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, V. Panduranga Rao, Deputy Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, and G. T. H. Bracken, Secretary to Government, Development Department, were also present.

A.—SCHEMES FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

I.—SCHEMES TO BE FINANCED FROM THE SURPLUS DUE TO PARTIAL REMISSION OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

(1) Grants for trunk roads damaged by floods in Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Tinnevely districts.

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have so far been sanctioned. A supplementary demand will be moved for the amount required in the current year.

Extra cost.

District. (1)	Total estimated cost of repairs. (2)	Estimates sanctioned so far. (3)	Grants proposed to be paid in	
			1925-26. (4)	1926-27. (5)
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Non-recurring—				
Ganjām	95,300	49,400	20,000	29,400
Vizagapatam	9,210	9,210	9,210	..
Tinnevelly	33,320	9,820	9,820	23,50
		23,500 (awaiting sanction)		
Total ..	1,37,830	91,930	39,030	52,900

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended that a supplementary demand for Rs. 39,030 be moved towards the expenditure in the current year.

**(2) Grants to the Nilgiris and South Kanara District
Boards for repair of damages to second-class roads
by storm and floods of July 1924.**

Abstract of the proposal.—The communications in the districts of the Nilgiris and South Kanara sustained severe damage by the storm and floods of July 1924. In accordance with the recommendations of the Financial Relations Committee the Government are giving grants to district boards of half the cost of maintenance of second-class roads subject to a maximum for each district. The boards are eligible for a half-grant for the repair of the damage and it is proposed to sanction in the current year a grant for the works for which estimates have so far been sanctioned by obtaining a supplementary demand for the amount so required.

Extra cost.

District Boards. (1)	Estimated cost of repairs. (2)	Estimates sanctioned so far. (3)	Grants admissible. Half the amount in column (3). (4)	Grants pro- posed to be paid in 1925-26. (5)
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Non-recurring—				
South Kanara	3,05,110	95,120	47,560	30,000
Nilgiris	1,25,041	1,25,041	62,520	40,000
Total ..	4,30,151	2,20,161	1,10,080	70,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended that a supplementary demand for Rs. 70,000 be moved.

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C.—PAPERS PLACED ON THE TABLE.

(24) The following paper was placed on the table :—

Note furnishing further information on the construction of quarters for the staff working in the Mount Stuart Forests.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1925-26 HELD ON TUESDAY THE 4TH AUGUST 1925 AT 12 NOON AT THE CABINET CHAMBER, FORT ST. GEORGE.

PRESENT :

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S. (*Chairman*).

M.R. Ry. C. RAMALINGA REDDI Garu, M.L.C.

„ K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN Avargal, M.L.C.

MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB Bahadur, M.L.C.

MUHAMMAD MOOSA SAIF Bahadur, M.L.C.

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur, M.L.C.

G. T. BOAG, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.

Messrs. C. B. Cotterell, Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, V. Panduranga Rao, Deputy Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, and G. T. H. Bracken, Secretary to Government, Development Department, were also present.

A.—SCHEMES FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

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the appointment was deferred for consideration until the necessity for the additional appointment was more clearly established. The Special Retrenchment Officer (Dr. Nedungadi) who visited the hospital subsequently observed that unless a junior sub-assistant surgeon was posted to help the civil assistant surgeon, who was the Deputy Superintendent, the work could not be done properly; and the Superintendent of the hospital has also stated recently that, in order to run the institution efficiently and in the proper up-to-date method, it is absolutely necessary to have a sub-assistant surgeon appointed immediately. It is therefore proposed to appoint a sub-assistant surgeon permanently in that institution. There is however no immediate extra cost, as the number of sub-assistant surgeons in service is in excess of the sanctioned cadre owing to the abolition of the leave reserve.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring	Nil.	1,635

Recommendation of the Committee.—The scheme was recommended by the Committee for acceptance.

(5) Commission to enquire into the question of combating venereal diseases.

Abstract of the proposal—The incidence of venereal diseases in India is according to expert opinion very high and the ignorance of the majority of people in this Presidency regarding them is equally great. It is generally recognized that it is the duty of Government to stimulate public opinion on public health questions including the prevention of venereal diseases. Nothing has been done in this direction beyond the establishment of a make-shift venereal clinic at the General Hospital, Madras. Before taking the necessary steps in the direction of propaganda work and establishment of venereal clinics in the Presidency town and at each district headquarters, it is intended to welcome the visit of a Commission proposed to be sent by the General Secretary of the National Council for combating Venereal Diseases, London, as the advice of such a Commission which has travelled in various countries and is thus in a favourable position to ascertain the facts will be very useful. The travelling and other incidental expenses of the Commission from England to India will be found by public subscription raised in England. The expenditure connected with their stay in this Presidency alone will have to be defrayed by Government; this is estimated approximately at Rs. 3,000 and the expenditure can be met by re-appropriation.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.
	RS.
Non-recurring	3,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The scheme was recommended for acceptance by a majority of the Committee.

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(C) Maintenance charges of an ambulance car proposed to be presented by the Red Cross Society for the use of Women and Children's Hospital, Madras.

Abstract of the proposal.—The Honorary Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Madras Branch, suggests that the Ford ambulance car which is returning from the Agency operations at Narasapatam may be sent for use at the Women and Children's Hospital, Madras, provided the driver's pay, petrol charges, licence fee and the like are borne by Government at an estimated cost Rs. 2,640 a year. An ambulance car at the Women and Children's Hospital will be very useful for the transport of serious and urgent cases to that hospital; and at times it may also be utilized for conveying patients to the other hospitals in the city. At present they are brought in bullock bandies and the like and much very valuable time is wasted. The proposed offer may, therefore, be accepted. The extra expenditure in the current year will be met from the sanctioned allotment for the hospital.

The working of the ambulance will be regulated by a set of rules framed for the purpose. A uniform fee of Rs. 3 will be levied for journeys within the municipal limits of Madras City and a fee of Rs. 5 for journeys beyond them and within a radius of 9 miles from the hospital and it will be free in the case of indigent patients.

			
		1925-26.	Ultimate.
		RS.	RS.
Recurring	..	1,540	2,640
		(will be met by reappropriation).	

Recommendation of the Committee.—The scheme was recommended for acceptance subject to the condition that the ultimate cost of maintenance does not exceed Rs. 2,000 a year.

(7) Appointment of a Health Officer for the Srirangam Municipality.

Abstract of the proposal.—In April 1924 Government provincialized the service of municipal health officers, and included with effect from that date in the provincial cadre the then existing posts of 11 municipal health officers, and agreed to meet their entire pay in the first instance from provincial funds and to recover monthly 25 per cent of the average cost of the posts together with proportionate leave and pensionary contribution from the municipal councils concerned. In pursuance of this policy 12 additional posts of municipal health officers have since been sanctioned. The Municipal Council, Srirangam, presses for the appointment in the current year of a second class health officer for the town on Rs. 100—10—200—10—300 per month subject to the conditions mentioned above. It is also considered necessary to have a health officer for the control of sanitary measures connected with the celebration of the annual Ekadesi festival at

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the centre. It is therefore proposed to sanction the appointment with effect from the 1st September 1925 and this addition to the cadre will increase the existing number from 23 to 24. The net expenditure in the current year is Rs. 275 and will be met from the sanctioned allotment :—

Net Extra cost.

	1925-26.	Ultimate.
	RS.	RS.
Recurring	275	1,750
Receipts (leave and pensionary contribution from the Council)	50	100

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee approved of the proposal.

(8) Improvements to kitchen and construction of latrines for out-patients in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

Abstract of the proposal.—The existing kitchen accommodation and arrangements are inadequate and for want of latrine accommodation the out-patients who number on an average 220 per day use the hospital compound and the adjoining public roads for the purpose. The Hon'ble Minister and His Excellency the Governor who visited the institution in 1922 and 1924 respectively have agreed that these works are urgent and should be pushed through. The plans and estimates are ready and it is proposed to provide for the work by moving for a supplementary demand for the amount required.

Extra cost.

	1925-26.
	RS.
Non-recurring	13,380

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended the introduction of the scheme in the current year provided funds could be found; otherwise, the scheme may be brought forward as a Part II Scheme for 1926-27.

(9) Grants-in-aid to Industrial Schools.

Abstract of the proposal.—Please see item (18) of the Proceedings of the first meeting held on the 3rd August 1925.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

B.—PART II SCHEMES FOR 1926-27.

(10) Formation of a separate permanent river conservancy division for the Cauvery and the Coleroon with headquarters at Trichinopoly.

1926-27.

Ultimate.

RS.

Rs.

Recurring	..	..	..	29,920	55,398
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Recommendation of the Committee.—The scheme was postponed for consideration along with other Part II schemes for 1926-27.

(11) The following papers were placed on the table :—

- (i) G.O. Mis. No. 368, Judicial, dated 30th June 1925, regarding the transfer of a portion of Mambalam and Kodambakam villages from the jurisdiction of the Saidapet taluk police station, Chingleput district, to that of Teynampet and Nungambakam police stations in the Madras City.
- (ii) G.O. Mis. No. 648, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1925, sanctioning the appointment of a wholetime assistant on Rs. 85 per mensem for a period of two years to assist the Agricultural Chemist in the investigation of the method of storage of hemp drugs.
- (iii) G.O. No. 581, Finance, dated 10th July 1925, regarding the publication and the distribution of the Madras Budget Manual.
- (iv) G.O. No. 715, Public, dated 29th July 1925, regarding the creation of a temporary appointment of Collector and District Magistrate for a period not exceeding three weeks in connexion with the study of the administration of cantonment lands for discussion with the Government of India.

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